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MEXICAN NATIONALS INDICTED ON FAKE DOCUMENT CHARGES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Six Mexican nationals who solicited illegal aliens at Mexican grocery stores and restaurants here and provided them with false identification documents, including fake social security cards and “green cards,” were indicted last week following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

David L. Huber, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment June 22 charging Christopher Martinez-Juarez, 21, Hector Lavoe-Gonzalez, 29, both of 10110 White Oak Park, Louisville, and Luis Enrique Delrio-Olivarez, 44, Eliazar Carrillo-Quintero, 26, Salvador Campos-Ortega, 22, and Fernando Mercado-Florez, 22, all of 1503 Oleanda Court, Louisville, with conspiracy to possess document-making implements and false identification documents (including permanent resident cards and social security cards) with the intent to transfer them unlawfully.

The indictment alleges that between December 2004 and May 2005 the defendants reached customers by soliciting individuals going in and out of Louisville area businesses, including Mexican grocery stores and restaurants, and handing out business cards bearing a name and a telephone number. The business cards had different designs to indicate they perform services, including mechanic, plumbing, and handyman work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In fact, the business cards provided contact information for obtaining false identification documents. After being contacted by a customer, a member of the conspiracy would produce the documents and deliver them to the customer.

If convicted, the maximum penalties for Christopher Martinez-Juarez and Hector Lavoe-Gonzalez are 75 years imprisonment and a \$1,250,000 fine. The maximum penalties for the remaining defendants, if convicted, are 15 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. All six individuals will be placed into deportation proceedings after they complete any awarded prison sentence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Madison Sewell. The Louisville Metro Police Department assisted in the investigation.

“Today’s document mills are more sophisticated and harder to detect,” said Jerry Phillips, resident agent-in-charge for ICE investigations in Louisville. “ICE is working closely with local authorities to identify and dismantle these operations because of the threat they pose to national security. The identification documents produced by these counterfeiting mills can be exploited by criminals and even terrorists to obscure their identities and their intentions.”

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.